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Engineers At the Capitol

ACEC Illinois Board Visits Lawmakers in DC

ACEC Illinois' Board of Directors were in Washington, DC last week to meet with lawmakers and agency leadership including Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee **Sam Graves (R-MO)**, IDOT Secretary **Omer Osman** and Tollway Executive Director **Cassandra Rouse**.

The conversations covered a variety of topics, including:

- IJA implementation
- I-290 Blue Line Modernization Mega Project Grant
- Research and Development Tax Credit Amortization Issues
- "Buy America" Challenges for IDOT Projects
- Workforce Issues and Immigration Reform

During the trip, the ACEC IL Delegation met with the following members and their staff:

- Congressman Darin LaHood



- Congressman Mike Bost
- Congressman Brad Schneider
- Congresswoman Robin Kelly
- Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi
- Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski
- Congressman Sean Casten
- Congressman Mike Quigley
- Congressman Eric Sorensen
- Senator Dick Durbin's Office
- Senator Tammy Duckworth's Office

In Case You Missed: Statewide Media Covers ACEC Illinois at State Capitol

Last month, ACEC Illinois launched its 2023 Legislative Agenda focused on retaining and recruiting engineers to deal with a skills-gap shortage while protecting Rebuild Illinois.

Check out the press coverage of the event:

[View the Statewide Press Coverage of the ACEC Illinois Legislative Agenda](#)

[WEEK-TV \(Peoria\): "Group's goal is to keep homegrown engineers thriving in Illinois"](#)

[WAND-TV \(Decatur\) "Illinois engineers push for tax credits to attract workers amid shortage"](#)

[All Post Times: "Illinois Engineers Seek Tax Credits to Attract Workers in Times of Shortage"](#)

[WTVO-TV \(Rockford\) "Illinois bill would give tax credits for engineering degrees"](#)

[Capitol Fax: "Retaining and Recruiting Engineers"](#)

[WTAX News Radio Online: "Help wanted: Engineers"](#)

[The Center Square: "Engineer group advocating against reducing Illinois' highest regional gas tax"](#)

[WBBM-AM \(Radio\): "The American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois wants state lawmakers to pass several bills this spring that aim to address a shortage of over 82000 workers"](#)

TFIC ReBuild Illinois Revenue Tracker

Motor Fuel Tax

The combined February revenue (both Motor Fuel Tax Fund and Transportation Renewal Fund) was \$214.7 million. On a dollar basis, this represents a \$109.8 million dollar increase over the pre-Rebuild Illinois average (FY 16 – FY 19). This represents **9.8% increase** in consumption when compared to the same pre-Rebuild Illinois period.

Motor Vehicle Registrations

The February revenue for motor vehicle registrations was \$116.8 million. This is **(\$23.3 million) or 16.6% decrease** over projections.

Sales Tax On Motor Fuel

Beginning in July, the law requires 40% of the State's share of the sales tax on motor fuel

shall be transferred to the Road Fund. The December sales tax transfer is \$48.5 million. In February, the monthly transfer has **decreased** to \$43.1 million.

Fund balances as of March 5, 2023:

Road Fund: \$1,751,174,565

State Construction Account: \$1,554,813,527

Transportation Renewal Fund: \$36,912,151

Legislative Update

Over 6,500 pieces of legislation have been introduced so far this General Assembly Session.

Key components of the ACEC Illinois Legislative Agenda are advancing through the process, including:

Incentivize Engineering Talent for IDOT ([HB 2424](#)) ([SB 2190](#)): With shortages in qualified engineers facing the industry, this legislation would enable IDOT to provide student loan repayment assistance to qualifying employees that meet certain requirements, helping to incentivize educated professionals to work on the state's highest priority infrastructure projects. This legislation is sponsored by Michael Marron and Senator Ram Villivalam. *Status: Assigned to the House Appropriations Public Safety Committee for a hearing.*

Retain Illinois Students of Engineering (RISE) Tax Credit ([HB 2425](#)) ([SB 2282](#)): Helping attract and retain engineers as the industry faces a shortage of educated talent, this legislation provides for a tax credit of 10% of the salary paid to recent graduates of Illinois' engineering schools and 5% of the salary paid to recent graduates of engineering schools outside of Illinois. This legislation is sponsored by Rep. Marty Moylan and Senator Ram Villivalam. *Status: Assigned to the House Revenue & Finance Committee*

State Innovation Tax Credit ([HB2423](#)) ([SB 2084](#)): This legislation creates a State of Illinois innovation tax credit that would be administered by the Department of Revenue, rather than the IRS, aiding in the state's goal of attracting more research and development programs to Illinois. This legislation is sponsored by Rep. Marty Moylan and Senator Don DeWitte. *Status: Assigned to the House Revenue & Finance Committee*

Knowledge Transfer Innovation Act ([HB 2559](#)): To ensure Illinois' most innovative engineering firms are able to share their cutting-edge technology and design approaches with state agencies, this legislation allows for greater communication and knowledge transfer between the private and public sector. This legislation is sponsored by Rep. Marty Moylan. *Status: Assigned to the House Ethics & Election Committee*

In addition to these measures, ACEC Illinois is also advancing legislation, sponsored by Sen. Villivalam, that would help expedite the **land acquisition** process for IDOT and Tollway by requiring those firms be selected via QBS. [SB 2424](#) is in the Senate Transportation Committee this week.

For a more detailed listing of infrastructure related legislation, read the report prepared by our Springfield lobbyist team, MacStrategies [HERE](#)

Thanks,
Kevin Artl
President and CEO
American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois





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1. Please complete the attached application and email as an attachment to Emily@acecil.org
2. Subject Line: Your Name - Board of Directors Application
3. Submission Deadline: March 24, 2023

Questions? Please contact Director of Membership, Emily Martinez at emily@acecil.org



Application

ACEC Illinois Engineers at the Capitol



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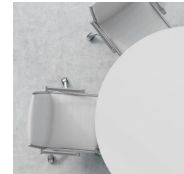
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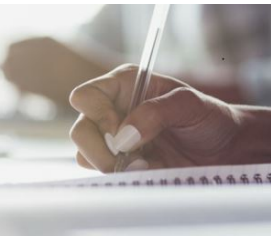
BUSINESS



3x3 Basketball Tournament

March 11, 2023 | 8:30a.m.

Register [Here](#)



Two-Dimensional Hydraulic Modeling of Rivers Course

March 14, 2023 | 8a.m. - March 17, 2023 | 4p.m.

The course is a 3-day course running from 8a.m. to 4p.m. each day.

Sign up for waitlist [Here](#)



Webinar: Designing to Standards - Where do they Come From

March 15, 2023 | 12p.m.

Host: Josh Starzyk of Gannett Fleming

Register [Here](#)

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Regional Luncheon with Illinois Tollway

March 15, 2023 | 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Location: Harry Caray's
70 Yorktown Center
Lombard, IL

Register [Here](#)



Topgolf Networking Event

Hosted by: Emerging Professionals Committee

April 11, 2023 | 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

Location: Topgolf Naperville
3211 Odyssey Court
Naperville, IL 60563



Webinar: An Introduction to Project Management in Consulting

April 12, 2023 | 12p.m.

Host: Mohamad Alsharbini of Benesch

Register [Here](#)

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2023 AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF ILLINOIS
SPRING BOARD MEETING & LUNCHEON

JUNE 6, 2023
Narry Carays Ballroom
70 YORKTOWN SHOPPING CENTER
LOMBARD, IL

VIRTUAL: BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

HOSTED BY:

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PRESENTED BY:



Illinois Department
of Transportation

PRESENTER:



Carlos A. Feliciano, P.E.

In-House Studies Unit Head / ADA & Bicycle Coordinator

This presentation includes a summary of IDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations policy. The training will go into detail on policies, warrants, design considerations and proper documentation practices for inclusion of active transportation facilities in State led roadway improvements in compliance with IDOT's Complete Streets policy.

To request a recording of:

1. Email bethany@acecil.org
2. Be emailed an invoice for \$45.
3. Then, you will be emailed a video recording and PDH.

RECORDING OF: ENGINEERING WITH LAND ACQUISITION IN MIND

About:

This virtual seminar not a webinar to teach someone how to do land acquisition, but rather a tool for engineers that might have land acquisition on their projects.

PRESENTERS:

Jeni Lyon, President/CEO, HLR Inc.
Carlos Feliciano, IDOT Programming, In-House Studies Unit Head
Kari Smith, IDOT Design, Economic Analysis Coordinator
Brian Bottomley, Owner/Senior Engineering, Way Maker
Transportation, Planning and Engineering
Chris Maloney, IDOT Land Aquisition, Area Relocation and
Property Management Supervisor
Reid Magner, Vice President, Bravo Company Engineer

Agenda:

Guidelines
Overview of Process
Acquisition Timeline
Phase 1 - ROW Determination & Consideration
Phase II - Land Acquisition Process
Examples

1. Email bethany@acecil.org
2. Be emailed an invoice for \$150.
3. Be emailed a 3 hour video and PDH's



RECORDING OF: EMPLOYEE RETENTION - STAY INTERVIEWS GREAT RESIGNATION TO THE GREAT RETENTION

INTERACTIVE - INFORMATIVE - INSPIRING

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Stay Interview - vs - Exit Interview
The Power of a Stay Interview
How to do a Stay Interview
What to Ask
Dry Run

HOSTED BY:

ACEC
Illinois

PRESENTER:



JEFF GROSS
FOUNDER, CHIEF EMPOWERMENT OFFICER
AND LEADERSHIP CONSULTANT



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UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Click Here: [Committee Meeting Schedule \(acecil.org\)](http://www.acecil.org)

Please contact Emily Martinez, Director of Membership, for committee meeting details: emily@acecil.org

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



William (Bill) Bailey, PE, SE



Daniel (Dan) Meckes, PE

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Announces Leadership Transition

*William Bailey, CMT's president since 2018, assumes CEO position;
Previous CEO Daniel Meckes to continue as board chair*

INDIANAPOLIS – Engineering and consulting firm Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. has announced William (Bill) Bailey, PE, SE, as the company's CEO, effective as of the firm's annual meeting of shareholders, which took place Feb. 25, 2023. Over the course of his 34-year career with CMT, Bailey has taken on diverse and progressively responsible roles, including chief structural engineer, Continuous Improvement program leader, human resource officer, and president. In addition to assuming the role of CMT's sixth CEO, Bailey also remains president of the firm.

Full Article [Here](#)

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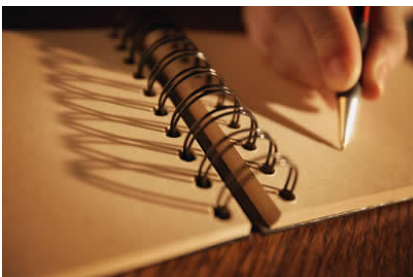
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